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LET US HELP BUILD THE TAIPEH SANITARIUM-HOSPITAL  
In Taipeh, Formosa  
Through a Generous Overflow Offering  
This Thirteenth Sabbath

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Architect's Drawing of Taipei Hospital

*Thank You!*  
*To Our Sabbath Schools*  
*Around the World*

In 1951 the South China Island Union received its first offering overflow from the world Sabbath schools, which helped establish churches on the island of Formosa. As a result of your liberality and interest, we received \$42,349. Only eternity will reveal the total benefit derived from this offering. In just one of the churches benefiting from the offering, more than a hundred precious souls were baptized in 1953, and the prospects are that a similar number, or more, will be baptized in the same church this year. The members are very active in soul-winning endeavor. How thankful we are for what the Sabbath schools did for that church!

However, the Taipeh Church is only one of five representative church buildings made possible by that splendid offering overflow. In all but one of these five churches active evangelism is being carried on, and many persons are being baptized and are joining with God's remnant people to finish the work. The one church building still incomplete will be ready for dedication at an early date.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank our world Sabbath schools in advance for a liberal offering overflow this last quarter of 1954. This offering will be used to help establish the Taiwan Sanitarium-Hospital and Nurses' Training School, which will serve the territories of the South China Island Union Mission.

C. H. DAVIS, *President,*  
*South China Island Union Mission*  
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## SABBATH, OCTOBER 2

### Sanitarium-Hospital and Nurses' Training School

C. H. DAVIS

[President, South China Island Union  
Mission]

Greetings from the believers of the South China Island Union to the Sabbath schools throughout the world. We are happy that our island union is to be the recipient of the Sabbath school offering overflow for the fourth quarter of 1954. This offering will help in the establishment of a sanitarium-hospital and nurses' training school in the city of Taipeh (tī-bā'), Formosa.

Comparatively speaking, the South China Island Union Mission is a new organization, having been organized in 1949. Prior to that time the islands now comprising this union were part of the South China Union Mission, which was reorganized into three union missions. The South China Island Union Mission territory is all that remains of Free China. It is here that Chiang Kai Shek, President of Free China, has established his seat of government in Taipeh, which city enjoys the dual honor of being the capital of Formosa and the capital of Free China.

The island of Formosa, the British Colony of Hong Kong, the Portuguese Colony of Macau (mā-kou'), the Pescadores (pēs' kā-dōr' ěz) group of islands, and Kingmen Island, are the main areas in the South China Island Union Mission territory. Twelve million people live on these islands. The people are either Chinese or of Chinese descent, with the exception of about two

hundred thousand tribal people and a few thousand British and Americans.

Because this territory is all that is left of Free China, and because foreign missionaries were and are unable to work on the mainland, missions of many denominations have sent missionaries to these islands, and their work has become strongly established.

Following World War II, rehabilitation work was done by our mission in Hong Kong and territories. The membership of our churches was again built up in strength and number, so that, at the time the South China Island Union was organized, the work in the Hong Kong area was moving forward. Elsewhere in these islands the work was merely in its beginning stages. Since that time, however, the work has been strengthened and churches and schools have been established. You have re-

The names *Formosa* and *Taiwan* are used interchangeably in this Missions Quarterly. *Formosa* is the name given to the island by the Portuguese when they visited it in the 16th century. It literally means "Beautiful Island." This is the name by which the island was known during the fifty years of Japanese rule, and therefore is the name by which it is most commonly known throughout the world. *Taiwan* is the Chinese name for the island and means "Terraced Bay." This is the name the Chinese have always used for the island, and since World War II this name is becoming more widely used than formerly.

sponded nobly to all of our calls by sending your sons and daughters as missionaries and your offerings to support our ministry, the Voice of Prophecy, the Bible Correspondence School, and mission-training schools. As a result the work is growing rapidly. The ministry of Free China are working to double the membership of their churches; the training schools are busy training national workers; the Voice of Prophecy Bible School is teaching the message by correspondence to fourteen thousand students; the colporteurs are busy selling truth-filled literature; and the church members are carrying the message as lay workers. We rejoice in all this and for the many precious souls that have been won for Christ, but the medical work—the right arm of the message—is not represented by any institution among these twelve million people. It is for this reason that the offering overflow for the fourth quarter of 1954 has been assigned to this union to help provide a sanitarium-hospital and nurses' training school in the city of Taipei.

Besides serving the six hundred thousand people of the city of Taipei, a sanitarium would be accessible by air, bus, or train for the entire island of Formosa. It would provide medical help to rich and poor alike. The committee, which has had the responsibility of planning this institution, has kept in mind the great need of trained Christian nurses—some to serve in the institution, and others to go into the homes of the people. Many Seventh-day Adventist young people, educated in our own denominational schools, will finish their training in the sanitarium-hospital and then go forth as missionary

nurses. Who can estimate the good they will do as medical missionaries.

When you bring your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on Christmas Day, December 25, 1954, please give as you would if you were placing your gift in the hand of Jesus. If every Sabbath school member will do this, there will be a record offering overflow which will help to establish a new medical center in the city of Taipei, Formosa—the first in the South China Island Union Mission. And as you give, pray that with the Lord's blessing this institution will bring not only physical healing but also spiritual healing to these people, that many more precious souls may be saved and God's work finished quickly in these islands.

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## SABBATH, OCTOBER 9

### Beginning and Progress of Mission Work in Taiwan

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[President, Taiwan Mission]

Many of you are perhaps wondering where the Island of Formosa (Taiwan, as it is called in Chinese) is located. It is about one hundred miles east of the China mainland. In size it is slightly larger than the states of Maryland and Delaware combined, and has a population greater than that of New York City. From 1895 to 1945 this island was under the jurisdiction of the Japanese. Previous to 1895, and since 1945, it has belonged to China, and it is now known as Free China.

Over thirty years ago Elder D. E. Rebok, now secretary of the General Conference, made a trip to Taiwan, and at that time tried to interest our brethren



ren in opening work in this "the Isle Beautiful." Circumstances, however, prevented the carrying out of his wishes until shortly before World War II, when a Japanese worker was sent to open work here. The war came and our mission work was closed in nearly all places controlled by the Japanese. Our pastor was imprisoned, and the few sheep he had found were scattered.

After World War II, Taiwan became a part of China, and the responsibility for our mission work was turned over to the China Division. In the summer of 1947, two Chinese pastors, Brother Kang and Brother Mo, were sent on an inspection tour to investigate the prospects for opening work on this island of which we knew so little. After months of traveling and visiting in various parts of the field, they reported that they were unable to find a single Seventh-day Adventist. Nearly a year later, in the spring of 1948, Pastor C. H. Davis, President of the South China Union, and Pastor T. C. Chin made a trip to Taiwan and purchased our first property on the island. From the start it seemed like Satan was determined to keep us out, but when everything looked hopeless the Lord intervened, and they were able to purchase our first two chapels, one in Taipei (tí'bā') and the other in Taichung (tí djung').

Four workers were called over from the China mainland, and only one of them, Pastor T. C. Lee, from Amoy, was able to speak the local dialect, which is much the same as that spoken in Amoy. The others set about immediately to learn the Taiwan language, which is entirely different from Chinese Mandarin. The Chinese Communist forces were making great advances

down from North China, and many of our missionaries were being forced to evacuate China.

In the spring of 1949 our Taiwan Mission was formally organized with a membership of less than thirty, most of whom had evacuated from the China mainland.

This past year has been our greatest year of evangelism. One hundred and thirty-five were buried with their Lord in baptism—two and one half times as many as the year before. Our membership is now nearly four hundred, which is an increase of over seven times what our membership was at the time of the 1950 General Conference session. Since starting this article, the writer has received a letter from Pastor Jerald Christensen, who has only recently joined our mission group on the island, telling of the marvelous way in which the Spirit of the Lord is preparing a rich harvest of souls in southern Formosa. A pastor of another church has been studying our message through the medium of the Voice of Prophecy Bible lessons, and has been preaching this message to his congregation. Brother Christensen goes on to say, "Last Sabbath about one hundred of these people kept their first Sabbath." After these people had read the literature put out against Adventists, they wrote on it, "Not enough evidence for Sundaykeeping. . . . We are following God rather than man." There are three non-Adventist churches now calling for us to send someone to explain to them more fully this gospel truth. We believe this to be the beginning of a new day for our mission endeavor in Formosa.

Our present staff of mission workers exceeds in number our total church

membership when the Taiwan Mission was organized five years ago.

Since the beginning of our missionary program in Formosa, we have wanted to do something to build up the medical phase of our work. The messenger of the Lord has called the medical work the "right arm of the message." We desire to see the right arm strengthened, and thanks to every one of you, this will soon be possible. This quarter's offering overflow is to be used for the construction of the Taiwan Sanitarium-Hospital. I am sure every one of you will want to make a good investment in this institution which is to be dedicated to the "relief of suffering humanity and the saving of souls for eternity." Thank you for the many generous offerings of the past and your liberality on this coming thirteenth Sabbath — Christmas Day, 1954.

## SABBATH, OCTOBER 16

### Our Need for a Nurses' Training School

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Institute]

The vast amount of sickness and physical suffering that we see all about us on this beautiful island reminds us that there is a great need for both medical aid and knowledge concerning healthful living. Good health is not the result of accident. It comes only through proper living and a knowledge of health principles. Here at our Taiwan Training Institute we are constantly beset with illness in many forms. We have a continuous procession of aches and pains and physical disorders. Much of this is

because of a lack of knowledge concerning health principles. We are thankful that thus far we have been able to avoid any fatalities in our group, though several times some ailing ones were almost lost from our midst. We have no nearby doctor or nurses to diagnose ailments or relieve suffering. Medical aid is one of our greatest needs.

While as teachers we endeavor to do our best to look after the health of our school family, the young people realize that we are not medical men. Generally, they are accustomed to endure pain stoically, often keeping their troubles to themselves until they have become really seriously ill. We greatly need a nurse or doctor in our midst, who can not only help relieve ills, but also teach us how to avoid them. This is the crying need from all over Taiwan, with its population of more than eight million. Men and women are needed to work among their own people as medical missionaries. They need a knowledge of the wonderful principles of healthful living given us by God together with a training in simple methods of relieving suffering.

With such training many could become self-supporting workers here on this thickly populated island. The Lord has told us: "Medical missionary work is the right hand of the gospel. It is necessary to the advancement of the cause of God. As through it men and women are led to see the importance of right habits of living, the saving power of the truth will be made known. Every city is to be entered by workers trained to do medical missionary work."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 219.

Most of us depend largely upon our right hand to begin our day's activities,



to carry us through the day, and to prepare us for rest at night. Let us carry the analogy a little further—should we attempt to carry on the work of the Lord in this field without some medical work? No, we are told that “*It is necessary to the advancement of the cause of God.*” And the plan given is not primarily for healing diseased bodies, but for leading men and women to see the importance of right habits of living. This outlines a positive, constructive program in which young men and women will be trained to go into every city, teaching the people the saving power of the truth in its fullness. Oh, what a source of encouragement and inspiration it will be to our national young people here, if we can hold out before them the promise of such a program in the near future!

Competition is intensely keen on this crowded island. We are not permitted to operate any denominational primary or secondary schools. There are few avenues open before our young people for service in our cause after having completed their course of training in our present training schools. Especially is this true of our young women. On a recent visit to our training school in Hong Kong, I met many young folks from the cities of Macau, Kowloon, and Hong Kong. They are waiting for an opportunity to obtain a medical missionary training in America, Australia, Europe, or, better still, at our own sanitarium here in Taiwan.

As I think of the possibility of this appeal reaching more than a million Sabbath school members scattered throughout the world, I would that I could lift up my voice like a trumpet and impress upon the heart of each of you the burden that rests upon my heart as I see at

close range the needs of this field. May we each answer the Macedonian call by making a truly sacrificial offering on the coming thirteenth Sabbath. Think what it will mean towards the finishing of the work in China. And I believe that when the work of God is finished in China it will have been finished in all the world. May the Lord richly bless as we plan and sacrifice and labor together with Him to that end.

## SABBATH, OCTOBER 23

### China's Pioneer Seventh-day Adventist Missionary

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[President, Hong Kong-Macau Mission]

“In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.” Eccl. 11:6. Abram La Rue, the father of Adventist missions in China and the Far East, was a firm believer in the truthfulness of this verse.

In his early years, Mr. La Rue had been a seafaring man. His savings had been carefully invested in property in San Francisco, and when he had sufficient to earn his living, he left the sea for a life of ease in that port city. But God had other plans for him. A disastrous fire wiped out all of his life's savings. He chose to go north to the hills and make his living by herding sheep. While living there among the hills, he became acquainted with members of the Church of the Brethren (Dunkards) and accepted of their teachings.

Some time after this he was walking with his bedroll on his back, going to a

(Please read these mission appeals slowly and clearly. Much of their value depends on the manner in which they are read.)

Church of the Brethren camp meeting, when Elder J. N. Loughborough overtook him and gave him a ride. Mr. La Rue spent the night in his home, and they discussed the teachings of Scripture for several hours. He had been reading the *Signs of the Times*, and was greatly interested in the Bible truths. He decided to attend camp meeting with Elder Loughborough, instead of the one he set out to attend, and as a result became a faithful Seventh-day Adventist.

During the next few years, through personal work, he was successful in bringing several families from a rough saw-mill community into the church, and inspired them to lead godly lives by his own selfless ministry. When he was nearly sixty years of age he enrolled as a student at Healdsburg College. On his sixtieth birthday he said to the students, "I want to carry this gospel to the sailors. They have a hard, lonely life . . . but they are my people those seamen, and I *must* go. I am sure the Lord is leading me. I am determined to set sail very soon. Pray for me."

However, when the mission board received his letter offering to go to any difficult place, their decision was not favorable. How could a man of that age learn a language? So he decided that he must send himself. Just a few months after this he sailed from San Francisco and began work in Honolulu. He studied with sailors, sold books, and distributed literature on the many ships which came into the harbor. Soon Elder Healey and his family joined him, and by their faithful labors a church was raised up and the work begun in the Hawaiian Islands.

Brother La Rue was not content to stay in Hawaii. One day he sold some books to a captain with whom he had

sailed many years before. They reminisced of old times, and especially of a trip when they had sailed together into Hong Kong. The most important outcome of the visit, however, was the sudden realization that Hong Kong is an *island*. That night he said to Elder Healey, "Today . . . it came to me in a flash that Hong Kong is an island! I could go there and work and still keep within the borders of my commission. It would be 'one of the islands of the Pacific.' But it is also within view of the mainland of China, and regular ferries travel back and forth. The harbor is filled with craft from all parts of the world, and what an opportunity to bring this truth to all those poor sailors! China! China! I cannot get away from the burden!"—*Pastor La Rue, The Pioneer*, p. 151.

So it was that before too many months had passed, he set sail on March 21, 1888, for Hong Kong. While traveling, he worked faithfully for the crew of his ship. One, Mr. Olson, a native of Sweden, was touched by the Spirit of God as Mr. La Rue opened to him the truths of the Bible, and before the voyage was over he gave his heart to God. After the ship docked in Hong Kong Mr. Olson severed his connection with the ship and joined Brother La Rue in opening the first Seventh-day Adventist mission in the city. Together they rented a place to live and study with interested people. They also worked on the ships in the harbor, going from one to the other, searching for interested souls, sowing seeds of truth "beside all waters."

Though his work was entirely in English, yet he had a great burden for the Chinese people. He never learned the Chinese language, but his great friend,



Mr. Mo Wen Chang, a Chinese translator in the Colonial Court, translated the first literature to be printed in the Chinese language—a tract called "The Judgment," and another, "The Sinner's Need of Christ,"—a chapter from *Steps to Christ*.

Because of his faithful work and urgent letters, two other workers were sent out—Elder W. C. Grainger, an early convert of Brother La Rue's from his sheep-herding days, and Brother T. H. Okahira, a young Japanese who came into the truth in America. They went to Tokyo in 1896 and began school work. Just three years later Elder Grainger was laid to rest, but the work he had so faithfully begun was to grow into a strong church.

By the time other missionaries were sent to Hong Kong in 1902, Brother La Rue had already been working there alone for fourteen years. A short time after the arrival of these new recruits a group of nine was baptized—the first fruits of the faithful work of this humble missionary. But he was not allowed to see more. As faithful Moses, he had to see by faith the great work which would be done after he was gone. He died on April 26, 1903.

That work begun sixty-six years ago has grown and spread until the Advent hope, so dear to him, has been preached in most of the large cities of China. And today, although cut off from the main body of believers, the church of China is yet united to Christ and active in Christian endeavor. They need your continued prayers that God may send the Comforter to be with them and keep them faithful.

The "island" work of Brother La Rue is being carried forward by the South

China Island Union Mission. The old pioneer would be thrilled today if he could see the progress that is being made. The two hundred and seventy-five baptisms last year, the well-attended churches, the attentive evangelistic audiences, the tens of thousands of Bible Correspondence School students, and the hundreds of students in the mission schools, would be almost more than he could comprehend.

But there is yet much to be done. There are millions yet waiting for the gospel messenger. Many more schools are needed, medical work is needed, and more workers are needed to answer the calls which come in. Will you help us by your prayers and by your offerings to finish the work which Abram La Rue began? Then the Saviour will call him from his peaceful sleep in Happy Valley Cemetery, and we shall all go home together.

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## SABBATH, OCTOBER 30

### Hong Kong Bible Correspondence School

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The Hong Kong Bible Correspondence School was started during the time that Elder Detamore was holding his effort in Hong Kong in 1949. It was very successful from the start in gathering in a large enrollment. Since it began it has issued certificates for the completion of the following Bible courses printed in English: Daniel; Revelation; Junior Bible Course; Senior Bible Course; and the Faith Bible Course, as well as the several courses

available in the Chinese language. The total number of certificates issued for completed courses during 1953 numbered 1,745.

These lessons enter all classes of homes—the factory worker; the school teacher; the student; the worker of various trades; the homes of the wealthy; and the homes of the poor. Hong Kong is flooded with refugees from China. All provinces are represented. Hundreds of thousands live in little wooden huts scattered over Hong Kong's hillsides. It is into these homes that many lessons go every week. It is the writer's work to visit these Voice of Prophecy students and pray with and help them. Many heart-warming experiences are learned, some of them most touching.

Following are sample letters that come to our attention at the Voice of Prophecy office:

Dear Sir:

Enclosed in the separate envelope is a little offering of \$10 which I hope you will be glad to accept as a little token of my hearty appreciation of the most valuable work you are now doing for thousands and thousands of your students in all parts of the world. The work of such an institution as our school is indeed grand and of extreme importance to the world of today. I wish I could have a share in helping to enlarge and extend the blessings of your noble work, but what can I do, being a poor scantily-educated old man? However, I think the best way I can help is by prayer, which I believe our Lord will be glad to listen to and answer, since the work with such a good motive must be very pleasing in His sight.

With best compliments and best wishes,

Yours most sincerely,

(signed) DAVID CHEN

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you very much for your most welcome letter and two interesting lessons which came to hand yesterday. I have read them through and have done all the questions on the test papers, and now I send them to you for correction.

Here let me explain to you myself. I am a boy of Chinese nationality, age 16, studying Form III in Queen's College, very fond of studying Bible lessons. I have not any religion, but believe in Jesus Christ. I longed to study the teachings of Christ, but I cannot afford to do so, for there are not any Bible lessons in our school. Now by this chance I shall succeed, if you will kindly continue sending the lessons to me. I suppose you will not refuse me, for you are so kind.

Now I have some questions to ask you. Please answer them clearly for me. Who corrects my answers in the test papers? Please tell me his or her name. At the end of the second lesson you say that every Junior should have a Bible of his own and should learn to find the Bible references as fast as possible, but I have not any Bible of my own. What shall I do? Shall I buy one? How much will it cost? Where will it be sold? Please let me know all of these.

At the present it is our summer vacation, so I have enough time to do more Bible lessons. Will you send me four lessons at one time? If you will do so, I will promptly finish them and send them to you.

I have been studying English only



for four years, so my English is still poor. You can easily judge of it by reading my letters. If so, please tell me frankly and excuse my poor English.

May God bless you and your good work.

Faithfully yours,

(signed) DANNY YIU

The Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School lessons provide a new medium for giving the gospel to the Chinese people who sense, as never before, their need of a religion that offers hope for the future. We solicit an interest in the prayers of our people around the world, both for these students who are studying and for us who are endeavoring to follow up the interests and bring them into full church membership.

## SABBATH, NOVEMBER 6

### "They Both Shall Be Alike Good"

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"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6. The truth of this text, as it relates to the sowing of the seeds of gospel truth, is well demonstrated by a series of incidents covering a period of some sixteen months' time, and involving a number of people in the cities of Shanghai, Hong Kong, and Tientsin. For obvious reasons the names of those concerned cannot be given, but it is comforting to know that the seeds of truth sown in times of

perplexity surely bear fruit, and we can be confident that eternity will bring to light many more such returns from seed sown in the evening time of this world's history.

The chain of events leading to a harvest for God began when Pastor For-dyce Detamore was holding an English evangelistic effort in the city of Hong Kong in 1949. Among those converted to the truth and added to the church was a young lady whose ancestral home is in Tientsin. As her father was a nominal Christian, and well versed in the English language, she sent the first lessons of the senior English Bible Correspondence Course to him. Being a busy man, and troubled with his own affairs, he did not give time or interest to these lessons, so passed them along to a friend who immediately began to study them.

Early in the year 1950 an earnest church member journeyed from Shanghai to Tientsin on personal business, and at the same time did not forget or neglect the business of the Master. This brother listed the names and addresses of some twenty English-speaking friends in Tientsin, and advanced English Bible lessons were sent to them. Among those receiving the lessons was a certain Mr. King and his wife. Two sets of lessons had been sent them, one to their home address and another to Mr. King's office address. Being sincere Christians, they valued the lessons, and upon sending the first two lessons of the course to the Bible Correspondence School in Shanghai, they also sent along a letter explaining that they were husband and wife and would need but the one set of lessons. As the lessons were so valuable, they had passed the extra set along to an English-speaking friend in the

city. And this friend was none other than the father of the young lady converted during Elder Detamore's effort in Hong Kong. Still he did not take time for a study of this second set of lessons, but put them away in his desk.

Some weeks later, the brother who had visited Tientsin returned to Shanghai and visited the office of the Bible school to learn how many of his friends in Tientsin were continuing on with the lessons. At that time he remarked that he had still one more friend in Tientsin that he hoped could have the lessons, and gave us this man's name and address. The lessons were sent out, as requested, and some time later we received a letter from this gentleman in Tientsin, and with it the first two lessons of the course. In his letter he told of having had three different sets of these Bible lessons given him from three different sources, and, having become convinced there must be something of value in them, had begun to study them. Yes, this man was the father of the young lady so recently converted in Hong Kong!

Under date of September 5, 1950, at the completion of the senior course of thirty-six lessons, this gentleman wrote to the Shanghai office of the Bible Correspondence School as follows: "This course has given me more light than all my self study of the Bible over a period of thirty-six years. It has also greatly deepened my faith in God and the Bible. It can be compared to a firm foundation, like a solid rock upon which to base my further study of the Bible. I have always tried to witness for Christ, but this course has given me better tools with which to do a better job of witnessing. I thank God that He sent me

these lessons and that he gave me the energy and determination to study them through to completion. I am determined that all my spare time from now on shall be used in His service, and I will gladly recommend my friends to study these lessons. Please send me the lessons in Daniel and Revelation. I am not as yet keeping the Sabbath, but I am striving to put my affairs in order so that I can do so. I would like to have a visit with a representative of the Bible school and talk over the questions of baptism and joining the church."

The first lessons of the courses in Daniel and Revelation were sent out to this earnest Bible student, and some weeks later the writer had opportunity to visit him in his home. I found him to be a distinguished-looking man of middle age, and a graduate of a leading university in the United States. I also learned that he had been a frequent donor to our cause through the annual Harvest Ingathering campaign during the past years. At that time he was attending a series of public meetings being held in the Y.M.C.A. building in Tientsin by one of our leading Chinese evangelists. He remarked that all he had heard at the Y.M.C.A. matched what he had learned for himself through the study of the correspondence course lessons, that he was convinced of the truth of the lessons, and that he was determined more than ever to obey the truth as he knew it.

Perhaps some may wonder at times as to what is happening to the church in China, and if all the expense and effort of the past have been in vain. It will cheer your hearts, as it cheered mine, to know the sequel of this experience. One day in late August, 1951, I received



a letter with the Hong Kong postmark. It was from the young lady who had learned the truth in Hong Kong from Pastor Detamore, and who had been anxious that her father share the happiness that had come to her through the knowledge of the truth. Her letter reads as follows: "This is just a little note to tell you that my father, whom you met in Tientsin, was baptized on the fifteenth of June. He also told me that he has fixed up his garage as a chapel, has installed some benches there, and that he and some friends are going to worship there on the Sabbath days. Please pray for him, Pastor Longway, that the Lord will keep him faithful until the end, and that my mother will also be baptized soon."

I am sure that the Sabbath school members all around the circle of the earth will be glad to respond to this request and will pray that God's continued blessings may rest upon this home. Pray that many may learn of the truth for these times and of a soon coming Saviour, as did our brother in Tientsin. Let us all take courage and continue our witnessing for Him, remembering that God says "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

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## SABBATH, NOVEMBER 13

### Toward the Finishing of the Work

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Among the great promises that the Saviour gave to His children before His

return to heaven, none is of more moment to the church today than the one which says "This gospel shall be preached in all the world . . . and then shall the end come." It is the great task of God's people at this time to deploy their forces and lend their resources for the speedy accomplishment of this mighty objective. It is in line with this idea that our attention this quarter is being focused upon the Island of Formosa.

Lying so close to the great mainland of China, and yet controlled by a government that is friendly to the aims and objectives of Christianity, Formosa is a natural and strategic location for that advance base of operations that must be set up in preparation for the day when God shall open the gates for the last great sweep of the final message to the unwarned millions of China. That day is sure to come, and that in the not too distant future. Now is the time to prepare the personnel and map the plan of advance. Large issues are involved, and much help is needed. A training school has already been built, and a fine group of enthusiastic young people is already rapidly preparing for service.

Foremost among the needs for the finishing of the work in behalf of the Chinese people stands the medical work. Much planning and effort has already gone into the accomplishment of this phase of the work here. Much time and prayer have been devoted to this matter, and considerable resources have already been expended to get a representative medical plant into efficient operation. It will not be enough to have only a sanitarium that will care for the physical needs of those brought to it, but we

must also have a training school for nurses, where young men and women can obtain practical instruction in medical lines to supplement their knowledge of the message that we have for the souls of men. It may well be that only those who can serve in medical lines will have access to sections of this great field where others are forbidden to enter.

We all know that a training school for nurses will require more space and more personnel than a sanitarium without such facilities. Governments these days usually set up many requirements for such institutions that necessitate large outlay for equipment and quarters. This adds considerably to the expense of establishing our sanitarium-hospital. It is for this reason a very generous Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow is needed to help set up and equip this institution in beautiful Formosa.

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### Our Urgent Need

C. I. MENG

[Pastor, Bible Auditorium, Kowloon,  
Hong Kong]

Since Pastor Detamore's visit to Hong Kong to hold a great evangelistic effort in the Bible Auditorium in 1949, we have been continuing the work every Sunday for more than five years. In every meeting there are at least three to four hundred persons, and whenever there is a special meeting the attendance often runs as high as seven hundred persons. We have organized fifteen Bible study classes in the homes of our laymen. Recently our Bible Auditorium church was organized with nearly one hundred members.

More than HK\$15,000 in evangelistic meeting offerings was received during

the year 1953. Our congregations attend regularly and provide liberal offerings. Thereby we know that they do love God, and it is our hope that the inquirers may all be led into the faith.

I am sorry to report that even after several years have elapsed, we still worship our Lord in a very simple, temporary chapel. It is a wooden structure which leaks badly when it rains. If there is a strong wind, the rain comes right in on the worshippers. Originally the seats of the auditorium were folding chairs and were very uncomfortable, but to improve this situation our members have voluntarily offered HK\$3,000 with which we have just purchased sufficient pews to seat three hundred and fifty people.

Dear brethren and sisters in Jesus throughout the world, we urgently need a more substantially constructed church building. We believe a more representative church would bring more fruit for the Master. Will you kindly lend us your helping hand?

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### SABBATH, NOVEMBER 20

#### Hong Kong Mission School Evangelism

SAMUEL YOUNG

[Headmaster, Pioneer Memorial  
Church School]

If the medical work can be called the right arm of the message, surely the educational work can be called the left arm, especially since the educational work often extends the Christian influence of the church to places which cannot be reached otherwise. About ninety per cent of the students in our Hong Kong mission school come from non-Seventh-day Adventist homes. The seeds of truth sown in the hearts of the chil-



dren are carried to their homes. The children's hearts are easily-touched by the voice of Jesus and respond with a spirit of love and self-sacrifice. Their earnestness is a constant encouragement to their teachers. The seeds sown will surely bear fruit in the future.

Since the recent war, the first primary school was started about four and a half years ago in Hong Kong. The work has grown amazingly. Now there are three primary schools in the Hong Kong-Macau Mission, with a total enrollment of 650. Had we the necessary classrooms and teachers, the present enrollment could be greatly increased by the hundreds of applicants on the waiting lists. These schools are entirely self-supporting, so far as operation is concerned. Besides this, they have helped considerably in financing the building projects needed for the schools. Certainly God is blessing in the work of these schools.

Most of the teachers are young people trained in our Union Training Institute. They are devoting themselves to the molding of Christian characters in the children they teach. The joy and satisfaction in seeing the change—mentally, physically and spiritually—is their reward. This influence is felt by the parents. Many have said, "We like your school because you have the method and power to change the character of the children. You not only make them know what is right, but you lead them to be good." We are sure that parents place a high value on this type of training. The teachers plan to visit each home once or twice during the school year. In these contacts the truth is carried into their homes. They explain to the parents the purpose of true education and help them to understand our principles.

Nothing is more interesting than the way these children witness in their homes. One first-grader learned of the harmfulness of tobacco and alcohol. On returning home she immediately "preached" the same thing to her father. She continued to repeat the truth, as he persisted in smoking and drinking. Finally her father grew ashamed to smoke in her presence and would not smoke while she was around, because he did not want to lose her respect. As yet we do not know the final outcome, but we believe that the Holy Spirit will continue to work through this little girl to bring her father to the truth.

Three children come from another home. When they learned in school of the harm of eating unclean meats, they determined not to eat these foods again. Their mother was surprised by their action, but she has been unable to tempt or force them to go back to their old way. Often the mother prepares no substitute, and their diet seems impoverished, yet for three years now each child stands at the head of his class. Their attentiveness, power of concentration, alert mental activity, and wonderful memory give proof of the blessing of God and remind us of Daniel of old.

The children are all learning to pray, and tell of many marvelous answers to prayer in their lives: healing of sickness, solving of school problems, and finding of lost articles. Four brothers from a non-Christian home tell the following story: "During the week of prayer we came each evening to the church and joined in prayer with the older members, but when Friday evening came, mother said we could not attend the prayer meeting. The following week was to be examination week, and she locked

us in the room and told us to study. We knelt together and asked that God would make it possible for us to attend the meeting. We had barely risen from our knees when the door opened and Mother said that, if we would promise to study Saturday evening and Sunday morning, we might attend the meeting. How happy we were to be able to attend that Friday evening prayer meeting."

A group of older students have had difficulty in keeping Sabbath. They are scolded when they do not want to buy things for their parents on that day. Friends make fun of them because they will not participate in sports on Sabbath or attend movies during the week. When they report these things to their teachers they do not complain, but they are joyful in being able to bear the cross of Jesus and endure persecution or reviling for His sake. I wonder if their faithfulness would not put some older ones to shame? Jesus said, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones." Matt. 18:10. We have been touched by the sincere faith of these little ones, and believe that their example will encourage you to be faithful.

One little boy in the lower grades came from a divided home. His father was not a Christian. As the little boy learned the various truths, he would immediately "preach" to his father. He talked about tobacco until the father stopped smoking. Next it was unclean meats, then alcoholic drink. One by one the various vices dropped off through the faithful witnessing of his son. He began attending church services, and Bible studies were begun. Last fall that boy, as well as the whole church, was filled with joy when his father was baptized and became a faithful member.

And won't you remember the work of these schools in your prayers, that the seed sown in youthful hearts may develop and mature and bring many into the great family of Jesus Christ.

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## SABBATH, NOVEMBER 27

### Southern Taiwan (Formosa)

J. E. CHRISTENSEN

[District Leader, Southern District,  
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Today, southern Taiwan (Formosa), with its two million people, is feeling its need of the gospel. Centuries of superstition and idolatry have left their scar upon the people and towns of this section. In the city of Tainan (tī-ān') nearly every street has a temple or shrine. To these places the people throng to seek healing in sickness, comfort in sorrow, and hope for a life beyond; but large sums of money spent do not bring the desired help or relief. Peace seems to elude their grasp.

Many precious jewels are being gathered from this background of darkness and superstition. In Tainan, where a few years ago there were only a few people studying the gospel, there now stands a beautiful church. Recently another church was built in the city of Kaohsiung (gow-shoong'). An interest has sprung up in a fishing town named Djia Ding, not far from Tainan. Like the disciples during the time of Jesus, many of these humble fisherfolk are accepting Christ. The first of these were baptized in December, 1953. Now a church is being erected to care for the interest in Djia Ding.

In the historical city of Tainan, just a few doors down the street from an old



heathen temple, we have a most interesting and hospitable church. What a contrast between this monument erected to the worship of the true God and this temple of a false religion! Many of the members have come into the church through persecution and remain faithful in spite of constant hardships. One elderly sister accepted Jesus and was baptized. Recently her daughter-in-law drove her away from home because she determined to continue attending church. Even though this sister's only means of support was cut off, she still remains faithful, trusting God to supply her needs day by day. It seems that nearly every member comes from unbelieving families where a husband, parent, or other close relative does all he can to destroy his or her faith in God.

One young man by the name of Wu Du Rung attended Pastor Milton Lee's meetings and determined to follow Christ. At first his parents were favorable, but they did not realize what a change can come into a person's life when he accepts Christ fully. The first problem that confronted Brother Wu was the Sabbath question, because he was working in a government office. The official in charge was interviewed, but he could do nothing. "If you wish to refrain from work on Saturday," he said, "then the only way for you to do so is to ask for a permanent leave of absence. It is impossible to stay in our employment and take an extra day off each week."

With the loss of a job, and no immediate possibilities of employment, Brother Wu began to feel the disfavor of his family. His stepfather paid little attention to the matter, but the grandmother, who had been in charge of the

family property since Brother Wu's father had died, was greatly concerned. Her grandson was the only son and must carry on the worship of their ancestors and perpetuate their name; but without a job there was no possibility of his marrying and raising a family. When the family saw that he would not give up his religious scruples, they disinherited him.

Recently, the grandmother called him back home because she really loved him and longed to have him there. "But *somehow*," she thought, "he must be persuaded to change his foolish notions!" This time she called in all the close relatives, all elderly people. Here, where age is respected, she thought she could persuade her grandson to be a dutiful son. They all gathered in the home to talk to him.

"I will give you three days to think it over," the grandmother went on to say. "After that, let me know your decision." The relatives all chimed in, "Don't disappoint your aged grandmother. Please listen to her and do as she says."

Brother Wu had already made his decision. Tenderly turning to his grandmother he said, "We must obey God rather than man, therefore I cannot give up my faith, and I will not need three days to decide on my answer." With a sad but determined heart he left his home, having been disinherited for the second time.

By his life of Christian determination he has been a great help to the Tainan church, and at the present time he is the Missionary Volunteer leader.

A deacon by the name of Li Tze Jen, of another church, began studying our correspondence lessons. The further he progressed in the lessons, the more he

**(Please read these mission appeals slowly and clearly. Much of their value depends on the manner in which they are read.)**

felt that this was the Bible truth that filled the need of his heart. He wrote the Bible Correspondence School to have someone come to visit him who believed as the lessons taught. The correspondence school contacted Pastor Yang of our Tainan church. He went into the country to find Mr. Li. Because of the inconvenience of travel, it took Pastor Yang a day to search out this honest seeker for truth working on his farm out in the hills. After this visit, Mr. Li decided to come to Tainan to attend church on Sabbath for the first time with the people who keep all the commandments. In order to reach the church in time for Sabbath school, he had to leave home before daylight, walk for three hours to the nearest bus route, and travel one more hour by bus to Tainan.

Deacon Li has written to us offering to donate us all the land we need, if we will come and build a church in his community. What an opportunity this presents in that section where we do not have a believer! Many other such places are calling for the gospel, but it is impossible to answer these calls at present. Already several young men from South Taiwan have received a short training and are out preaching in other parts of the island; but we need ever so many more! Only two of the largest cities in southern Taiwan have been entered. We cannot help thinking of all the other towns and villages that have not yet heard of the soon-coming Saviour.

Please remember us in your prayers and by your offerings.

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"Angels are amazed that Christians do so little."—*Testimonies*, vol. 4, p. 475.

## SABBATH, DECEMBER 4

### Tribal Work in the Mountains of Taiwan

H. C. CURRIE

[President, Taiwan (Formosa) Mission]

The tribal people of Taiwan appear to be of Malayan extraction, although their history does not prove that they are. There are eight tribes on the island, with a total population of nearly two hundred thousand. The majority of these tribal people live in the mountain ranges that extend from the northernmost tip of the island down to its southern end. Centuries ago they were driven back from the plains by the Chinese who came over from the China mainland. Due to fifty years of Japanese rule on the island, from 1895 to 1945, nearly all of the tribal people understand the Japanese language, and some of them speak it very fluently.

The mountain ranges are considered by the government as strategic areas, which makes it very difficult for the average citizen to travel through this section of Taiwan. Special permits must be obtained, and for our workers who are preaching among these tribal people the permits must be renewed every two months.

Since the opening of our mission work in Taiwan nearly six years ago, we have been wanting to do something for these tribal people. Due to these mountains being set aside as strategic areas, it was next to impossible to obtain any information that would help us to know how and where to open up work. During and since World War II, one other mission society started work among these people, and as a result thousands of them have accepted Christianity. This par-



tical church has looked upon the tribal work as reserved for them, and they have been reluctant to pass on any information to us that would assist us in opening work among these people.

Our first definite contact with these tribes was made by Pastor Milton Lee in the summer of 1952 in one of the villages located at the foot of a mountain, and accessible by car. As a result of this contact three tribal boys entered the theological training school that same fall. Two of these young men are still in our school and looking forward to the time when they can go back and give this glorious message to their own people.

In the early summer of 1953, Dr. Lin Ta-chuan, a consecrated, zealous Taiwanese lay member; Mr. Lu Chun-ming, a Taiwanese ministerial intern; the writer, and his son David, made a medical missionary tour through the southern section of the mountains inhabited by the tribal people. Our main purpose in making this itinerary was to see the territory and learn a little more about these interesting people and their customs, as well as to scatter seeds of truth and attempt to find a prospective place for opening work among these people who are still in heathen darkness.

During this week of traveling we visited eight villages, treated the physical ailments of over six hundred people, enrolled hundreds in our Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course, scattered "seeds of truth" in places where the Adventist preacher had never before trod, and prepared the way for opening work among these mountain tribes whose people are steeped in heathen darkness.

In July of 1953 we sent our first workers, Cho Chung Chow and Tseng Kwang Hung, to pioneer the work

among these tribal people. The reports from these two young men just out of our seminary are encouraging words of progress. Many are already paying tithe and keeping the Sabbath. One of the last reports indicates that there are around fifty natives worshiping in our little thatched chapel on Sabbath morning.

Pastor J. E. Christensen, leader of our southern district where this mountain work is being carried on, Pastor W. A. Hilliard, and the writer made a brief visit to this interior mission station some weeks ago. It was thrilling to see the great change in the attitude of these people since our medical missionary tour some six months before. We were invited into the homes of these people, a thing that is never done unless one is a very good friend. The village headman showed us an ancient jar, which is the most precious object in the whole village. This is the jar in which their first ancestor is supposed to have been born, so legend says, from a snake's egg. As is to be expected with such a story of their origin, these people regard the cobra as sacred. In this village there is a tree where the cobra is supposed to come out occasionally, and there the people go to worship and feed him. There is one very interesting thing about the religion of these people—they have no idols. This is very unusual in the Orient, for most religions of the East are built around idols of wood or stone. These people believe in a supreme being, and they have priests who offer sacrifices to this being in times of sickness and distress.

That night our local worker gave a study with the use of stereopticon slides, on the subject "The Origin of Sin," and when the picture of a snake was thrown

on the screen, a word of exclamation went up from the whole audience. Elder Hilliard related a Bible story, and then the writer gave a sermonette on "How Not to Be Afraid of the Devil." These people live in great fear of the devil, and they think he is especially active at night. When darkness sets in, they are seen closing up all the doors and windows of their homes, believing that in this way they will be able to keep the devil out. At the close of the service this group of nearly one hundred superstitious, uneducated, humble village folk responded enthusiastically with up-raised hands when asked if they wanted Jesus in their hearts so they would no longer have to close up their houses to keep the devil out.

We now have around fifteen tribal students in our training school, representing four of the eight tribal language areas on the Island of Taiwan. Ere long our Saviour will return to gather His faithful, and we confidently expect that from these simple mountain folk Jesus will find an abundant harvest waiting to be gathered in. Won't you please join us in your prayers and liberal offerings that you too may have a part in bringing in these sheaves?

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## SABBATH, DECEMBER 11

### Taiwan Bible Correspondence School

LIN BEN SHAN

[Local Pastor]

In May, 1950, the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School began to function in Taiwan (Formosa) in the capital city of Taipeh (tī-bā'). Assigned to us for this work was one room about twelve feet by eight feet. In this

cramped space we managed to open up the work. There were few students at first, but within two or three months the lessons began to pour in—we had inserted an advertisement in the local daily newspapers. Soon our office force was swamped with thousands of enrollments. So many students had sent in their names that our stock of lessons, which we had brought over from Hong Kong, was soon exhausted. We stopped advertising until we could catch up. Upon completing the Junior Bible Course, students often enrolled for Steps to Christ. Then they would take Daniel, and next Revelation.

So many enrollments poured in that the Taiwan Mission decided to enlarge the school. By September, 1951, a large house had been purchased in Taichung (tī-djung') for an office and five apartments for living quarters for the staff. Pastor and Mrs. Doyle Barnett came over from Hong Kong to head up the school work. More instructors were employed, also more clerks to handle the great bulk of clerical work. Then, to simplify the handling of correspondence, all records of Voice of Prophecy students enrolled with the Hong Kong Bible Correspondence School, but who lived in Taiwan, were transferred to the Taiwan Bible Correspondence School at Taichung. These students recommended us to their friends, and how our active student list grew! The people were hungry for help in studying the Bible.

To import the needed printed supplies and lesson materials from Hong Kong involved not only much expense, but considerable delay. However, printing in the city of Taiwan is not as satisfactory as in the big city of Hong Kong. Often the paper is of poorer quality; some-



times the ink dries very slowly; trimming frequently must be done by hand instead of by machine; but still we do our best in the face of these printing difficulties. Every day lessons by the hundreds are mailed out, and every day lessons by the hundreds come back from our students.

In three years we have had more than 20,000 active students, of whom more than 8,000 have been graduated. Not only that, more than 200 graduates have been baptized and joined the remnant church. Students and graduates of our Chinese Bible correspondence courses are to be found in the high schools, in the many colleges, and in the university. Some are employed in the government offices while still others are bank or manufacturers' employees. Some of our students are persecuted by their families, and we are often asked to hold the lessons in our office until called for.

In the cities where we have erected churches and stationed evangelists or pastors, the former students and graduates often cooperate with the church members in visiting interested friends, and they bring in new enrollments for the school.

Many of the more elderly Taiwanese people read only the Japanese language. We have employed a young Japanese lady church member to take charge of the Japanese branch school. She handles more than five hundred students in the junior and senior courses. She reports the following experience:

"Some years ago I lived in the east coast city of Taidung (tī-doong'). Among my acquaintances were two Japanese ladies. After joining our Bible school staff I wrote to these ladies and sent each of them the entire set of lessons.

One has just completed the last lesson of her course and sent in her final examination. She has paid tithe twice—a considerable sum—and has asked for a Bible worker to take her through a baptismal, study class, so that she may soon be baptized. The other lady has four little children, and must earn her own living. She cannot write, but she is reading her lessons faithfully. She expects to return to her former home in Kobe, Japan, within the next few months, and hopes to join a baptismal class there.

There are thousands of high school and college students in Formosa who speak English. From among this group we now have more than five hundred young men and women who are active students for whom we operate an English Bible correspondence school. The following portion of a letter received today from one of these students illustrates how anxiously they are seeking for truth:

"First of all, I must tell you that I am not a Christian. I am a heathen; but I do not worship the gods of other tribes. I would like to be a Christian. I like to hear the beautiful hymns. I am trying to know what is Jesus' teaching. I must confess my wrongdoing and do the things which do not blame my conscience. . . . I would like to obey Jesus' commandments, but his disciples' teachings are sometimes very odd to me. Some talking in the Bible is too old-fashioned to me to agree. What shall I do?"

It is our duty to help these students in their search for truth. Many ask us where they may attend a resident school and take further Bible training. We refer them to our Taiwan Theological Training Institute at Shin Dien, near

Taipeh (tī-bā'). A number have already taken an intensive six months' course in evangelism. The most promising have already been employed by the mission as ministerial interns, Bible workers, and clerical workers, but many more workers are needed. Opportunities for the young women are limited. It is our hope and prayer that these students may soon be studying at the new Taipeh Sanitarium and Hospital, which will have a nurses' training class.

The General Conference has assigned the current Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow to the South China Island Union Mission to aid in the establishment of a medical institution in Taipeh. Let us, the more than one million Sabbath school members of the Seventh-day Adventist churches throughout the world, pray for this new medical institution, then plan to bring a double offering, or more, on Christmas Day, 1954. Help our young men and women to become self-supporting and at the same time workers for the Master.

## SABBATH, DECEMBER 18

### God's Way in Formosa

MRS. THELMA SMITH

[Bible Instructor, South China Island Union Mission]

"Mrs. Dee, you don't know what you are asking me to do. I have been a worshiper of Buddha all my life, and it is too hard to change now."

"God loves you, Mrs. Woo, and He wants you to worship Him. I am going to pray that tomorrow when you go to have your teeth pulled you will not suffer pain like you did today. I am sure God will hear this prayer. Won't you believe in Him?" pleaded Mrs. Dee.

Yes, Mrs. Woo had been a faithful believer in Buddha from childhood. Much money had been spent on incense and gifts to the gods of the temples. In a material way the gods had been good to her, so it seemed. Sorrows had come, as they do to all. She was left a widow, but she had a son. A son in China is a blessing. Daughters marry and leave the home, but the son takes care of his parents. Mrs. Woo had property, and money too.

After the war her son, now grown to manhood, moved to Formosa. She thought often of going to visit him, and finally made the trip.

Mrs. Woo had been in Formosa only a few days when the news came that Communist armies were heading straight for Shanghai. Her thoughts went to her property and money in that city. Her son and friends thought it best for her to stay in Formosa. That was a difficult decision. It was only a short time later that word came that the city was in Communist hands. It was then impossible to go back, and Mrs. Woo began to worry about her future. Yes, her son could take care of her, but none of us like to lose possessions, do we?

Climaxing these events Mrs. Woo became ill, and the son called in a doctor. A careful examination disclosed that she had a serious heart ailment. She was told that her teeth must be removed, and because of her general condition was taken to the hospital.

"I am sorry, Mrs. Woo," said the dentist, "but I cannot give you any medicine to take away the pain as we extract your teeth. Your doctor tells me that you have a bad heart. I will do my best to make it as painless as possible."

But it was far from "painless." Mrs.



Woo suffered severely from that first extraction, and her face plainly showed her suffering when she returned to her room. Mrs. Dee, in the bed next to her, was a Christian. She was very sympathetic, and kept saying to herself "What can I do for Mrs. Woo?" After a time she spoke.

"Mrs. Woo, I am a believer in the true God, the One who made the heavens and the earth. I pray to Him every day, and He blesses me in many ways. I wish you would pray to Him too."

But Mrs. Woo did not promise that she would, and the next day left for another tooth extraction. As she left, Mrs. Dee said, "I am praying for you."

Upon her return to her room this time there was a different expression on her face.

"Was it painful today, Mrs. Woo?" inquired Mrs. Dee.

There was some hesitation before she made reply. You see it was not easy for Mrs. Woo to acknowledge that God had heard the request.

"No, Mrs. Dee, there was no pain today," she finally said.

This made Mrs. Dee very happy, so she again plead with Mrs. Woo to believe in the true God who had taken the pain away.

For some time Mrs. Woo lay lost in thought. Then she said to Mrs. Dee, "If you will pray to your God tomorrow and I still do not have pain, then I will change and believe in your God."

So the next day there was another "painless extraction." The dentist was greatly surprised and puzzled, and by this time he decided to remove as many as four teeth at one time.

Mrs. Woo had a Seventh-day Adventist relative living in Formosa who

also had been praying for her for a long time, and God had heard her prayers, too. While talking with her relative Mrs. Woo asked, "How can I know more about God who has heard your prayers for me?"

Arrangements were made, and Miss Yu, the Bible instructor, faithfully studied with Mrs. Woo and her niece, Mrs. Chen, for many weeks. Later it was the writer's privilege to help prepare Mrs. Woo for baptism. Although she had obtained the victory over false worship, there was still one point on which Satan was holding fast. She had been a smoker most of her life. She had tried to give up smoking, but she had not yet been able to do so completely. I taught her a little chorus, "Only believe . . . All things are possible, only believe." I told her to sing it every time she felt the urge to smoke. This she did. Pastor Milton Lee, who was holding evangelistic meetings at the time, also came to visit Mrs. Woo and gave her some wonderful promises from the Word of God. What a thrilling day when Mrs. Woo and her niece were both baptized.

God sees the honest in heart among those worshipping daily in the temples who as yet do not know Him. We must give them the story of salvation. The duty is ours. What a happy day when we can see Jesus "face to face" and go home with Him to sit down with Mrs. Woo and others from the island of Formosa. It will be reward enough just to hear them say "Thank you, you made it possible for me to be here through your prayers and through your offerings."

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**Make thirteenth Sabbath five-dollar day.**

**SABBATH, DECEMBER 25****"While It Is Day"**

W. P. BRADLEY

[Associate Secretary, General Conference]

From the standpoint of gospel opportunity it is midday in Formosa. In the unfolding of the history of our world, circumstances sometimes arise which bring on the shades of night when the light of gospel truth cannot shine freely. Then again the providence of God leads into a period of liberty and opportunity, when the way is open for a new era of spiritual conquest. Today in Formosa there is freedom to evangelize, to educate, to build churches, to distribute gospel literature. And on the part of the people, there is a new readiness to hear and study the gospel message. The only apparent limitation is in our own spiritual and physical resources to do the work. We can never know how long we shall have so favorable a situation. Therefore, "We must do the works of Him . . . while there is daylight. Night is coming on, when no one can work." John 9:4 (Weymouth).

Formosa is at the present time a center of interest and discussion. It is prominent in the international news. It has become a haven of refuge for millions of people who came from the mainland during the recent revolution. What is done and said in Formosa has considerable influence among the Chinese living throughout the various countries of Asia. Because of this factor, a strong work in Formosa would become a witness to the truth among the scattered influential Chinese communities in other countries.

The growth of our work in Formosa during the last few years has been most

remarkable. Four years ago there were only about three dozen Seventh-day Adventists on the island. The number was pitifully small in the midst of a population of almost nine million souls. But during the last four years vigorous efforts in a few places have resulted in most gratifying results, and the membership has increased ten times. This has been done through public evangelism, Bible correspondence school work, and the giving of Bible readings to individuals and groups. There is a spirit of religious inquiry in Formosa that amounts almost to a revival atmosphere. This is true among the general population of the Formosan Chinese, and it is particularly true among the people of the native tribes of the eastern mountainous region where there is now a great turning toward Christianity. In some localities this Christian movement among the tribe's people has almost reached the proportions of a mass movement.

Sensing the need of a growing work, our workers in Formosa several years ago laid plans to establish a training school where the youth could be prepared for the work of God. That school has now come into being, with a splendid student body of young men and women. Some of the students are from Adventist homes, others have been selected from among the applicants who expressed their desire to enroll when they heard of the school. The institution has fine new buildings and a staff of capable, consecrated teachers. But it needs more teaching facilities, and particularly more books in the library. Fourteen of the students enrolled in the school are from the tribal peoples, and several of the young men in this group show promise



of becoming very capable workers among their own people. Our Sabbath school members will be glad to learn that a missionary couple have been appointed to work particularly for those people—Brother N. L. Meager and his wife, who is a trained nurse. They will be located in the city of Hwalien (whā-lien') where they will have access to the many people from the mountain regions who are looking for light.

The immediate project in hand in the further development of the work in Formosa is the establishing of a small hospital with a training school for nurses. Negotiations have been under way for the securing of land, and possibly by this time the deeds have been signed and the land has been purchased. This is located in a most favorable spot in the outskirts of the capital city of Taipeh, on one of its principal roads. Nearby is a monument to the leader of the government, Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek. There is sufficient land for a sanitarium building and for workers' quarters, and it is quite possible that the South China Island Union Mission headquarters will be established nearby on a part of the sanitarium grounds.

Seventh-day Adventists have been known for years for their excellent medical service on the mainland of China. Fourteen institutions throughout China supplied a total of one thousand beds for the sick. People in Formosa are already inquiring of the Adventists concerning their plans for a medical institution there. The establishing of this hospital will strengthen our work by providing in the Christian spirit a much-needed medical service; it will serve as a center of health education for the patients, and will train nurses who can do

the needed work of medical evangelism.

Several new churches have been erected on Formosa, and soon there will be many more as the evangelistic program expands. Surely God is calling upon us to move forward to finish the work in Formosa. From this base, from the training facilities of the school and hospital, workers can be furnished for other parts of the Orient and the message of God can quickly be finished. We plead with every Sabbath school member to prayerfully consider the needs of Formosa, and to make a sacrificial offering on behalf of the Lord's work there on this important thirteenth Sabbath occasion.

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## SUGGESTIVE THIRTEENTH SABBATH PROGRAM

### December 25

- 9:15-9:30 Song service. Christmas carols will be most appropriate today. A few words by the leader about the history of the song or the author will make the song service more interesting.
- 9:30 Opening of Sabbath school—open promptly on time. If a moment of silent prayer is announced, ask that the field to benefit from the overflow be remembered in prayer.
- 9:31 Opening song. Select a song suitable for the occasion.
- 9:34 Prayer. The one offering the prayer should be seated at the front with the superintendent.
- 9:37 Secretary's report. The report should be brief and inspiring, touching a few of the high points of the quar-

ter's achievements, and mentioning the need of a liberal offering.

9:40 Thirteenth Sabbath special features.

(3 min.) Superintendent's announcements.

Mention the special field and project. Explain how the offering is to be taken. If a Christmas tree is to be used, explain the plan.

(5 min.) Special music.

(10 min.) Recitations or special exercises by the children. Do not overcrowd the program. In larger schools, have not more than two divisions represented.

(5 min.) Missions appeal. Choose someone who can give the missions story in his own words and in such a way as to make a real appeal for a large offering.

[If a Christmas tree or some other special device is used for taking the offering, a few more minutes will be needed here.]

10:05 Lesson study. Hold to the full thirty minutes for lesson study.

10:35 Closing song and prayer.

10:40 Sabbath school dismissed.

## FOR THE CHILDREN

### "The Angel of the Lord Encampeth Round About Them That Fear Him"

MRS. J. E. CHRISTENSEN

We are finding heroes in the mountains of Formosa—little ones and big ones. And I want to tell you about a little hero.

Not many years ago Si-Yuan's father and mother left the city and moved to the mountains to work for souls in a real way. His father was a preacher. His mother and father both worked hard. In addition to taking care of her three little boys and her house, the mother gave Bible studies and helped with meetings.

Often they went far up the mountain road to hold Bible studies in a village. One night during the Bible study, it began to rain. It rained and it poured! I guess the soothing patter patter on the roof was like a lullaby to the little boys, because by the time the Bible study was over, all three of them were sound asleep.

Pastor and Mrs. Lin waited awhile hoping the downpour would cease. Finally, it did *almost* stop raining.

Then the question was, "How shall we carry those sleeping ones home? Mother and daddy were only two, and there were three little boys.

"Why don't you leave Si-Yuan here to sleep, and we'll take him home in the morning," suggested the kind man who lived there. "Then you can each carry one."

"Oh, thank you so much," said Pastor Lin. "That is what we shall do." And with that he gently picked up little Simon, the middle-sized boy. Mother Lin wrapped the baby cozily in his blanket in her arms, and they stepped out into the stormy night.

Hours passed. In the middle of the night, Si-Yuan, the oldest little boy awakened. He could hear the moaning of the wind and the gentle patter of the rain on the roof. For some reason he felt very strange. There he was lying on a mat, tucked in under a mosquito net. He sat up, rubbed his eyes, and looked



sleepily around him. Where were mother and daddy? The room looked so large! Who were those other dark forms asleep on mats nearby? Where was he?

Oh, now he knew! Mother and daddy must have gone home without him, and he was still in the house where they had given the Bible study.

"I'll go home, too!" he thought.

Without making a sound, he slowly lifted the net, walked cautiously across the room to the front door and slid it back inch by inch until he could barely squeeze through the crack he had made. Then he closed it just as quietly and stepped outside.

It was still raining. The whole world looked black and dismal, and he could hardly see the muddy trail. But somewhere down through those mountains and across a raging river was home, and that is where he wanted to go.

Without stopping to think of anything else right then, he started down the slippery path. As he stumbled along in the darkness, the wind whipped the rain against his face. His hair got wet and the little dribbles of water ran down onto his face. On and on he went. Sometimes he had to wade through puddles of water. After awhile his clothes were soaked through and through and clung to him in wet folds. Surely the angel of the Lord was watching over that brave little boy. Only those who have been over the road can know what dangers threatened him that stormy night.

When he reached the long suspension bridge and started across, he could feel the bridge swaying in the wind. Far beneath in the blackness he could hear the raging torrent dashing over the rocks. The bridge was an eighth of a mile (or about a city block) long. About halfway

across he was terrified for a moment to see a shadow coming toward him. With all the courage he could muster, he steadied himself on the swaying bridge and walked straight on. When the dark object came nearer, he could see that it was an old man.

The old man stopped right in front of little Si-Yuan. "Child, *where* are you going?" he asked in astonishment.

Fearing that the man might try to stop him, Si-Yuan dashed past him on the narrow bridge without a word and hurried on his way. His heart was pounding like a triphammer.

Would he never reach the end of the bridge? It seemed so long that night! He was so cold and wet. Oh, how he longed for his mother and daddy and the shelter of home! When he finally jumped from the bridge to solid ground again he tried to run. Only half a mile more! The streets of the town stretched out before him, and soon he was at his own front door.

"Bang, bang, bang," he pounded on the door.

No answer.

"BANG, BANG, BANG!" he knocked again, louder this time.

Still no response.

"Maybe I'd better run around to the back," he thought. There he stood shivering outside the bedroom window calling, "Papa!—Mamma!"

Inside, the tired parents stirred in their sleep. They half awakened. "Sounds as if Si-Yuan is calling us," murmured the mother sleepily.

"Impossible!" replied her husband. "In rain like this?—*That* far?—No, it couldn't be!"

And so they went back to sleep again.

"Papa!—PAPA!" Si-Yuan called with

(Please read these mission appeals slowly and clearly. Much of their value depends on the manner in which they are read.)

all his might. "I have come home! Please let me in!"

Half asleep, his father got up and opened the window. A gust of wind blew the rain in, and he stood there looking out into the darkness. Was he dreaming, or was that really their little boy standing there?

"PAPA!"

That was enough. It was not a dream. Pastor Lin reached out through the window and lifted his son into the room.

"Our Si-Yuan has come home!" he exclaimed to his wife.

She sat up in bed with a start and looked at the dripping, muddy little boy.

"How did you get here?" she asked.

"I don't know," he replied. "I just came!"

With grateful hearts, Si-Yuan's mother and father took off all his wet clothes, put nice dry ones on him, and then together they knelt down to thank Jesus for bringing him safely home.

That was a few years ago. Si-Yuan is a bigger boy now. Day by day he is learning more and more about Jesus. Just recently his father has heard about the true Bible Sabbath, and now he and his family and all the members of their little mountain church have decided to become Seventh-day Adventists and keep the Sabbath, too.

## Accounting With God

ALVA R. APPEL

Hadn't he loved the Lord all his life? Hadn't he given liberally of the little he had? Hadn't he labored long and tirelessly for the Saviour of mankind? These were the thoughts that were running through the mind of—well let's call him Mr. Wu. He was sitting on the

square stool by the square table that stood by the paper covered window in one of the two rooms in his little home that faced out onto a sunlit courtyard where the sunflowers were gently swaying in the breeze. His dear old mother was watching his four children playing on the square bricks that formed the carpet for the courtyard that surrounded the old fish pond in the middle. Mr. Wu's wife was sitting cross-legged up on the plank bed trying to patch again the children's clothes and the long gown that Mr. Wu always had saved for Sabbath. It was getting old and shiny in places and a bit frayed, but it was the best he had. How he longed to have a new one.

In front of him was his salary for the month and a sheet of paper on which he was trying to figure out how to make it go round to all of the needs. He had set his tithe apart first, as he always had done. He had figured and re-figured, but still there was not enough to buy the new gown, even though it was not an expensive item, or at least it would not seem so to us. Then a thought struck him—Oh, NO, . . . but why not? It was to be a gown to go to church in. Why not take just a little bit of the tithe so he would have sufficient money to make the purchase. Surely this was for a good purpose. The longer he thought about it the greater the temptation grew.

And so that very afternoon he took his cane and made his way across the square bricks of the courtyard and out through the creaky old gate into the dusty alley that led toward the shopping district. He covered his face with a handkerchief as an occasional rickshaw or cart passed. Then he made his way around the playing children, street vend-



ers, and stray dogs till he came to the larger street where he caught a bus across town. He alighted from the bus, justifying himself that certainly this was the right thing to do, for wasn't it honoring God to wear good clothes at His place of worship? But still he was not at peace with himself.

He entered the large store filled with men and women looking over the garments and haggling over prices. He looked around. Yes, over there was a clerk that had promised him the "special" price. He sought him out so as not to use so much of his tithe money. The deal was settled, and Mr. Wu said he would wear the new gown home. His old gown was wrapped up, and the clerk followed him to the door where the usual bowing and compliments were exchanged. Oh, how good he felt in the brand new gown—or did he? He was soon homeward bound, and it was not long before he was alighting from the bus at the end of the little alley street down which he lived.

But what was the matter! Even the sun did not seem to shine as brightly as before. He hurriedly made his way past the water carts and the salesmen with flower pots dangling from the end of their poles and the many other people in the alley. As he passed the small shops he was warmly greeted by the genial shop owners who came out to compliment him on his stately bearing and his beautiful new gown. They agreed that truly he had bargained sharply and had made a very good buy.

Now he was almost to the creaky little gate that led to his own familiar courtyard. How happy and proud his family would be of him! But this thought had no sooner entered his head than

from its dusty resting place a stray dog jumped to its feet, barked ferociously, and lunged at Mr. Wu. Taking the end of his gown in its mouth, the dog tore off a section and ran away down the street with Mr. Wu in hot pursuit screaming at the top of his voice. The animal was soon lost from sight. Sputtering and gasping for air Mr. Wu stopped short and examined the damage to his once beautiful gown, then turning slowly around he made his way back to his own home gate. He hammered on the knockers and waited impatiently until grandmother hobbled to the door on her bound feet and let him in.

Sabbath morning Brother Wu got up to speak. He related his experience of the day before, not omitting a single detail. He was wearing his "old" gown, but as he unwrapped the ruined new one and showed it to the church members, he said "God taught me this week that it does not pay to be dishonest with Him. He has forgiven me, for I have sought Him with tears. The lesson will always remain in my heart."

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## Formosa

ETHEL GRACE STONES

I like to think of the eastern lands,  
Where the Chinese people live.  
It fills my heart with a friendly love,  
And I always wish to give.

What shall I send for the mission field  
In Formosa, o'er the sea?  
The plans to strengthen their healing work  
Sound, oh, so good to me.

I'm only one, in a busy church,  
But I'll give my very best,  
And add my prayers with the gift I send,  
For I know 'twill be truly blessed.

## A Fisherman's Testimony

MILTON LEE

Mr. Yang was a fisherman in the little fishing village of Chia Ting, Formosa. He worked hard to support his family. He had to do much of his work at night. He fished along the shores catching his fish by a net which he cast from a raft. Many times the cold winds chilled him through and through, and many times the dashing waves washed over the craft soaking him with salt water. Yes, life was a monotonous round of eating, sleeping, and fishing.

Then one day Mr. Yang heard of Seventh-day Adventists. Yes, he had heard of Jesus, and he believed in Christ; but never before had he heard of Christians who kept Saturday for the Sabbath. So Mr. Yang invited them to his home to learn the reason. Every Sabbath afternoon about thirty friends met with Mr. and Mrs. Yang in their small living room. There they sang and listened to the stories of the Bible. After many weeks of study, Mr. Yang knew that he should keep the true Sabbath.

At first, Mr. Yang and his wife wondered how they could possibly manage to feed their family and buy their clothes, if Mr. Yang did not work on Saturday, for they were hardly able to get along even when he worked every day of the week. But Mr. and Mrs. Yang decided that they would obey the Lord. At first the neighbors made fun of Mr. Yang for refusing to fish on Saturday, and they went fishing without him. On the other days Mr. Yang and his neighbors fished together. But do you know a very strange thing happened. But let Mr. Yang tell you in his own words:

"Each of the working days I board

my raft along with the others. We fish in the same waters and cast our nets at the same time, but whenever we draw in our nets mine always has more fish than the others. This has not happened just once or twice, but it happens all the time!"

Now Mr. Yang's neighbors are saying, "We should accept Jesus too."

## "Your Sorrow Shall Be Turned Into Joy"

MILTON LEE

Bobbie was a Chinese boy from China, who lived with his widowed mother and sister next door to our Tainan compound. Bobbie and Fred, my son, became loyal pals. They loved to play catch in our spacious front yard, and they were often seen competing with each other on the "chin-up" bar. Soon they came to share their work as well as their play. If one parent wanted "sonny" to run an errand, the other went along.

Fred told Bobbie about Sabbath school. Bobbie became an enthusiastic listener. He enjoyed the Bible stories and wanted to be a Christian.

Then something dreadful happened. One evening mother sent Fred to purchase some peanut butter. Bobbie asked permission to go along. Soon the boys were riding their bicycles toward town.

Minutes later we were startled to hear the compound gate slam and Fred coming up the sidewalk sobbing as though his heart would break. He was too upset to tell just what happened, but finally gasped out the news that Bobbie had been hit by a truck.

We rushed to the scene of the acci-



dent, but nothing could be done for our little Chinese friend. He had been killed instantly! Bobbie's death made us very sad, but it could not compare with the sorrow of Bobbie's mother. At night we could hear her sobbing herself to sleep. We tried many times to comfort her, but words could not bring Bobbie, her only son, back to her. All we could do was to urge her to accept Jesus. We told her that He was the only Friend who could bring joy to her heart once again.

It pleased us when Bobbie's mother decided to attend our weekly church services. Yes, Bobbie's mother found comfort in Jesus and was baptized. No matter what happens to us, it is Jesus who can bring comfort. When Jesus returns, Bobbie's mother can once more see her little boy. There will be no more sorrow in all the lovely earth made new, and Jesus says "your sorrow shall be turned into joy."

### Suggestions for Additional Story Material to Aid Teachers and Leaders of the Children's Divisions

Assistance for finding additional story material for use in the children's divisions is given because of the limited space in the MISSIONS QUARTERLY. Let us make missions interesting to our children in every way possible.

The following issues of *The National Geographic Magazine* contain interesting material about the mission field for this quarter:

December 1951, "Formosa"

File your *Missions Quarterlies* and preserve them for mission story use.

September 1952, "Formosa Headquarters Chinese Republic"

April 1953, "Eyes on the Coast of China"

May 1953, "A Hole in the Bamboo Curtain"

The following books are printed by our own publishing houses, and in most cases they can be found in Missionary Volunteer Society libraries. Some of them may be obtained through a public call in Sabbath school:

*With Our Missionaries in China*, by Frederick Lee

*Triumphs of Faith*, by Mrs. John Oss

*Travel Talks on China*, by Frederick Lee

*The China Missions Story*, by John Oss

Interesting articles in *The Youth's Instructor* are:

July 22 to September 9, 1952, series on "Formosa—Beautiful Island," by Bessie Mount

July 1, 1952, "Macau, Oldest Foreign Colony in Far East," by John McCarty

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HONG KONG—MACAO MISSION	3,000,000	6	739	1,157
TAIWAN MISSION	8,600,000	5	376	1,115
UNION TOTALS	11,600,000	11	1,115	2,272

